

A R E S O L U T I O N

SHINING A LIGHT ON THE GROWING PROBLEM OF ANTISEMITISM IN
AMERICA, SPECIFICALLY IN GREENVILLE AND SOUTH CAROLINA, AND
RECOGNIZING IMPORTANT OUTREACH TOOLS TO ADDRESS IT

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville, known to the world as a welcoming city, has for centuries treasured religious freedom and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, the Greenville Jewish community traces its roots to 1794, and has played an important role in Greenville's history; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identify, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in American society; and

WHEREAS, according to the Anti-Defamation League's annual audit, South Carolina experienced a 67% percent surge in antisemitic incidents in the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the eleven contemporary examples, adopted by 35 countries, and embraced by the United States under both Republican and Democratic administrations, provides a road map to defining and rooting out antisemitism states:

Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities; and

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville unequivocally rejects antisemitism, along with all other forms of racism, religious intolerance, and other prejudices both here in Greenville and around the world; and

WHEREAS, defining antisemitism increases awareness in the community, leading to better monitoring and reporting, more informed analyses and investigation of incidents in order to enhance public safety and policymaking; and

WHEREAS, this December, our Greenville Jewish Community will be celebrating Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, based on a story of survival in the face of religious persecution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, the city of Greenville condemns and rejects antisemitism in all its manifestations, so that it remains a beacon to all people seeking to live in peace.

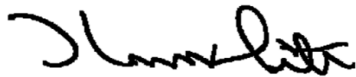
City Council affirms the City's ongoing commitment to cultivate an inclusive, safe, and just society and culture that values the diversity of our community, works to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society, and celebrates both our individuality and commonality.

City Council adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, including the eleven contemporary examples, as a useful educational tool, among other resources, concerning the identification of discrimination rooted in antisemitism and for discussions to address such discrimination.

City Council commits to countering antisemitism and hate through engagement with community leaders, governmental transparency, and public information regarding efforts to fight antisemitism, and the investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts rooted in antisemitism, consistent with civil liberties protections.

City Council urges residents to join us by adopting these values in their own lives, calling attention to these harms, and denouncing antisemitism, hate and extremism to help keep us all safe.

RESOLVED THIS 12 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK